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Commissioner for Patents Washington D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action that was mailed July 30, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS
Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (twice amended) A pharmaceutical composition which consists essentially of Vitamin D and a calcium salt, as active principles and a binding agent selected from the group consisting of propylene glycol, a polyethylene glycol of molecular weight between 300 and 1500, liquid paraffin and silicone oil, said Vitamin D being present in an amount of 500-1000 I.U. of Vitamin D and said calcium salt being present in a ratio of 1-2 g of calcium, calculated as elemental calcium, for each 500-1000 I.U. of Vitamin D.

Kindly add the following claim:

19. (new) A pharmaceutical composition as defined in claim 1 wherein the ratio of Vitamin D to calcium salt is 800 I.U. of

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